PLAS - O - GRAM <98-17> PLAS Process Codes for FY99

PLAS Advocates,

The numerous PLAS Process codes changes for FY99 reflect a dynamic DCMC. The good news is there are 55 fewer process codes! And we were able to maintain the current process numbering system for the remaining codes.

Why all the changes? The OneBook has undergone major restructuring with additions, deletions, and consolidations of many chapters. Also, DCMC HQ listened to the frequent comment: 'Too many PLAS codes!' So those processes with a miniscule amount of hours charged Command-wide were candidates for elimination or consolidation.

An excellent crosswalk of old to new process codes is provided in the accompanying file, Process.xls. Pay special attention to the note of explanation provided for each process. You'll notice some codes have been added, eliminated, renumbered, or consolidated with other codes. Codes that indicate 'ALL' in the column, 'Draft FY99 Code' will not appear in FY99. They are categorized in the OneBook as an "Operational Management Concept" and should be charged to the process supported.   Twenty some process codes have been consolidated into a single new code, Process 199 - Common Basic CAS. These processes are still traceable to a OneBook chapter but had minute amounts of time charged to them Command-wide.

PLAS will help in the transition from old to new Process codes. The Process pulldown list will display both the new codes and those old Process codes which are going away in FY99. Outgoing codes will be followed by an asterisk along with a message directing the user to the new Process code.   Because of the numerous process code changes, **we recommend that all associates disable their PLAS Process palette** until the transition period is completed. That way both old and new process codes will be readily available.

An updated edition of the PLAS Version 9.0.1 demo will be available on the PLAS website (www.plas.dcmdc.dla.mil) at the close of business Wednesday, October 14.   This new demo will contain the new PLAS Process code structure as well as all of the functionality of the production version.

Be sure to share this POG and the accompanying Process code crosswalk with your associates!

Questions? Contact us at 1-888-PLASINFO or PLASHELP@mwest.dcmdc.dla.mil.

Respectfully,

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